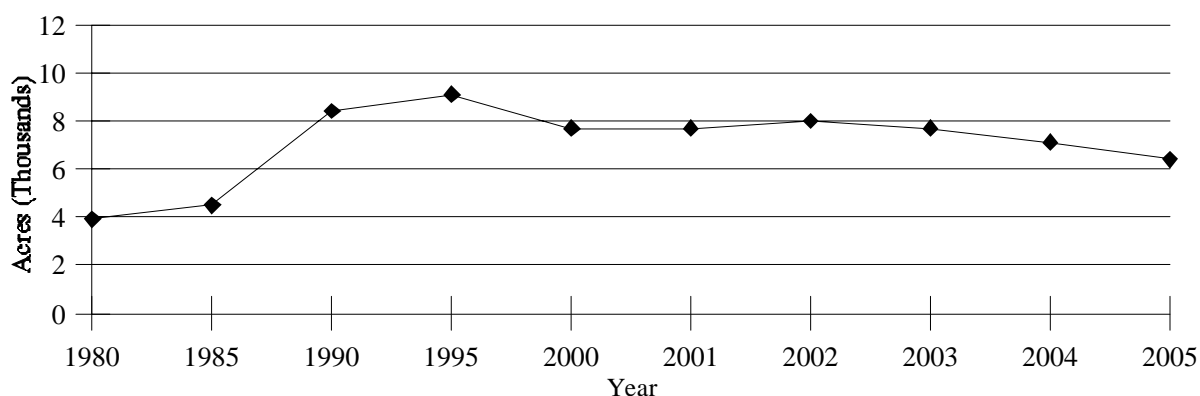


ONIONS: Onion growers in New Mexico planted 6,500 acres and harvested 6,400 acres. The average yield was up from 515 pounds per hundredweight (cwt) in 2004 to 530 pounds per hundredweight in 2005. Price per hundredweight increased by \$3.20 to \$15.80, bringing value of production to \$53.6 million.

The major varieties of commercially grown New Mexico onions include Grano, Granex, Sweet Spanish and mid-summer hybrids such as the popular Nu-Mex variety. Most of the state's onions are non-storage types. During our peak summer harvest period, New Mexico is a major supplier for the nation. Harvest usually begins mid-May and continues through September.

New Mexico Onion Acreage

Harvested Acres, 1980-2005



Onions: Monthly Prices Received

Year	June	July	August	September
-----Dollars Per 100 Lbs.-----				
1980	9.00	9.00	9.80	---
1985	9.60	21.50	9.80	7.50
1990	10.40	9.55	9.00	8.50
1995	11.70	14.80	11.40	---
2000	11.30	7.80	11.90	---
2001	15.60	14.30	12.60	---
2002	12.40	13.00	11.60	---
2003	17.20	13.70	12.00	---
2004	12.70	11.60	12.20	12.40
2005	16.70	21.80	22.10	---